Guards, said he had forty men ready to start to Cuba on twenty-four hours' notice under command of Colonel Davidson.

SENTIMENT OF MEXICANS. Fears of a Collision Between the Populace and Spaniards.

CITY OF MEXICO. Dec. 15 .- There are unconfirmed reports circulating here tonight that a mob in Barcelona has assaulted the Mexican consul on account of his Cuban sympathies. Considerable ill-feeling against the Spaniards has been aroused here by an anonymous circular, signed "Son of Pelayo," and containing phrases insulting to the Mexican nation and government, The Spaniards claim the Cubans got it up to further inflame the public mind against

Telegrams from San Luis Potosi to-night say that this document, together with imprudent articles in Correro de Espana, have contributed to bring about a state of high sion there and fears are expressed that the police will have to be called in to prevent a collision between the populace and resident Spaniards. The Governor has given orders to protect the Spaniards. A further cause of the irritation is an attack made on a laboring man in this city who, having shouted, "Viva Cuba!" was set upon by two Spaniards and beaten. The newspapers to-night print an account of the case. Popular sympathy is especially enthusiastic with the Cubans and their cause is immensely popular since it has come to be believed that Maceo was betrayed to his death. The Mexican people cannot understand why the United States does not recognize Cuban belligerency A new paper, called "Spectre of Macco," will soon appear in this city, which will esuse the Cuban cause and will be edited by Mexicans, and will urge the recognition of Cuba by this government.

Caban Sympathizers at Franklin.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FRANKLIN, Ind., Dec. 15.-The citizens of Franklin gave expression to their feelings of sympathy for the Cubans in their struggle for liberty by holding a public meeting to-night in the courthouse. The room was crowded and large numbers of business men, leading citizens and women were present. Earnest expressions of sympathy were freely given. Dr. W. T. Stott, president of Franklin College, presided, and Hon. J. M. Dunlap, the State secretary of the National party, acted as secretary. Among the speakers were Rev. Marshall, of the Presbyterian Church, Dr. Armstrong, of the Christian Church, Dr. P. in a stretch, and for only about half a not damaged to any extent. W. Payne, E. F. Barker, Henry Barnett, dozen months altogether has oil Dr. Stott and Superintendent Hendricks. The following resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote:

"Resolved, That we greatly sympathize with the Cubans in their patriotic efforts to rid themselves of the galling yoke of ppression so persistently and inhumanly east on them by the Spanish authorities, and we affirm that the conduct of the authorities in immediate charge of the spanish forces in Cuba is barbarous and a disgrace to the nineteenth century; and we declare it to be the duty of all nations and especially of the United States, to take such steps as will secure immediate peace in Cuba, even if armed force is necessary. Resolved. That the chairman of this meeting send a copy of these resolutions to our representative in Congress, Hon. Jesse Overstreet, and Senators David B. Turple and Daniel W. Voorhees and that they be urged to support and vote for the 'Mills Cuban resolution' now before Congress." It is said that parties are now at work in this county organizing a company to go to Cuba and many are willing to join.

Iowans Enlisting for the War. DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 15 .- George P. Guiot, railway ticket agent of the Union Depot here, has organized a company for the Cuban war. He has arranged to equip fifty men, and has twenty-eight on the list now. The men have agreed to go as soon as the Cubans' belligerent rights are recognized. No two know who the others are, for fear of complications. Guiot is a graduate of Orchard Lake Military Academy, was several years a sergeant of the Second United States Cavalry, and is chief of en-gineers of the Iowa National Guard. He says several other companies are being organized in lowa. All the work of organization has been done since the assassination

Interference Demanded. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 15 .- The streets are crowded to-night with a grand outpouring of the citizens in a torchlight parade and mass meeting in favor of Cuba. Ex-Mayor Fletcher, State Senator J. T. Hartdige, J. M. Bars, Hon. J. C. Stockton dressed the vast throngs. Spanish outrages were denounced and strong resolutions passed demanding that the government now interfere in the interest of humanity.

Several ministers were on the stand. Sympathy for Jackson.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 15 .- Great interest is taken here in the case of Charles Jackson, of this city, who is reported to be a Spanish prisoner in Cuba. Mayor J. S. Osander has written to Secretary Olney asking that an investigation be made and something done for Jackson if it be found that the story of his imprisonment in Moro

Action of Chattanooga Council. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15 .- Mayor Ochs to-night presented to the Board of Aldermen resolutions expressing sympathy for the Cuban insurgents, and authorizing the mayor to call a public meeting of the citizens of Chattanooga to give public expression to the sentiments of the communty. The resolutions were unanimously

WARMER AND FAIR

Prediction and Observations of the Local Weather Bureau. Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 11 p. m. Dec. 16-Warmer: fair weather on Wednesday. General Conditions Yesterday - The low

barometric area passed eastward on the Atlantic ocean. Another barometric area is central over Montana. Elsewhere high pressure prevails, the highest over the Mississippi valley. The temperature fell everywhere and freezing temperature prevails near the northwestern border. Fair weather continued west of the Mississippi, cloudy weather east of the Mississippi, with snow or rain near the Atlantic coast. Heavy precipitation is reported, 1.42 inch, at Cleve-land, O., and I inch at Norfolk, Va. FORECAST FOR THREE STATES.

WASHINGTON. Dec. 15 .- For Ohio-Fair, preceded by snow in northern and eastern portions; fresh to brisk north winds. For Indiana and Illinois-Cloudy and threatening in the morning, followed by fair weather; north winds, becoming varlable; slightly warmer.

Tuesday's Local Observations. Bar. Ther. R.H. Wind. Weather. Pre. 7 a. m. 30.00 34 83 North. Cloudy. 0.24 7 p. m. 30.17 36 76 North. Cloudy. T

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TIMES

NO MORE SUCH PROFITS AS WERE POSSIBLE A FEW YEARS AGO.

Sensational Damage Suit Comes Up at Bluffton Against Well-Known Marion Citizens.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. TOLEDO, O., Dec. 15.-Crude oil has dropped back almost to the dollar mark. In December, 1894, the producers were eagerly watching the advances, which had been help. It was in the extreme western part growing slowly all summer and fall, and they hoped for a dollar oil in the Eastern fields before Christmas of that year. It | Special to the Indianapolis Journal. came shortly after the holidays, and came with such vehemence that in April the price of oil had soared beyond reasonable kept out of school in Muncie to work in bounds, the credit balances reaching \$2.60, | factories, and the Muncie Woman's Club and the speculative price several cents | will ask the next Legislature for a commore. That was too high to last, and from that day to this the market has gradually been working back toward the dollar mark. At that time Ohio and Indiana oil advanced the passage of the law, but the women to \$1.27 per barrel and caused the drilling claim they will meet them half way in the to \$1.27 per barrel and caused the drilling of many hundreds of wells that would never have been thought of at a less price. might be made. This great advance was a detriment to the Western fields, as it increased the output of the product to such an extent that the Standard found it hard work to care for the production. It was the Standard's aim to have the drill started, but it went far ahead of expectations. The present price is better for the producer for the simple

reason that he will confine himself to one good tract and will keep out of the wildcat In different sections new discoveries are creating excitement, not only in the newer territory of West Virginia, Kenaucky and l'ennessee, but in the older fields of Pennslyvania as well. Added to the new production of the Eastern fields Ohio and Indiana oil has come to find a place in the refined market, the claim being made for it that it is a satisfactory burning oil under the improved process of refining. Canadian fields are undergoing a boom, and it is possible that Canadian oil may yet have a decided influence on the American trade. But whatever happens the producer has a dollar since then. The opening of the Bradford field, in Pennsylvania, which swelled the annual production to 15,000,000 barrels, broke the market, and it never recovered until 1895, in which the production of paraffine oil reached 52,000,000 barrels. | county, was instantly killed at Burket, a But the demand has grown, and the oil business to-day stands on a good basis for investments. There is no other business that brings in an income like the oil in-

There was a decrease in the net stocks of Ohio and Indiana oil of 39,004 barrels in November. This was due to a falling off in the runs and an increase in the shipments. In September there was a decrease of 212,787 barrels consequent upon changes the month of October an increase was recorded of 199,013 barrels. The Buckeye runs averaged 56,057 barrels a day in November, | killed. which is a falling off of 5,105 barrels a day from the October average. They were also 1,300 barrels a day behind the shipments. The November shipments averaged 57,357 barrels, a gain of 2.387 barrels over those of October. The following is the summary of eport of the pipe lines in the Ohio and indiana fields at the close of business

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Acceptances.... \$16,500,000.00 Credit balances..... 6,751,532.78 Net liabilities.... -Receipts .-Runs from wells..... \$1,681,715.01 Other receipts.. Total.... -- Deliveries.-Regular...... \$1,720,719.81

Gross stocks....

lediment and surplus.

INDIANA OBITUARY. Henry R. Downing, One of the Pioneers of Richmond. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 15 .- The third one of the prominent residents of this city to die within a week was Henry R. Downing. whose death occurred this afternoon. He was sixty-five years old and death was and many other prominent citizens ad- due to heart trouble. He had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Downing was born in Pennsylvania in 1831. His parents came to Richmond in July, 1837, where his mother died in 1849 and his father in 1860. He embarked in the undertaking business in 1876 and continued in it up to the time of his death. He was a member of the Whitewater Lodge of Odd Fellows, the Oriental Enampment and the Patriarch Circle, He became a member of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Indiana in 1873. A wife and three children survive. The latter are William Downing, of Terre Haute, who is connected with the Vandalia Railway; Harry Downing, who was a partner in the undertaking business, and Miss Ella Downing, of this city.

Other Deaths in the State, NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15 .- Mrs. rances Brock, aged eighty-seven, one of the oldest pioneers of the county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Amanda Davis, three miles southwest of this city, this morning. She was born in Kentucky ago. She was married twice and was the | a rail, dashing out his brains. mother of nine children, all of whom ex-Brock, her sons, are prominent citizens

of this place. WABASH, Ind., Dec. 15.-Andrew K. and came to Wabash county in 1849. He

leaves six children. PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 15.-Mrs. Mary Gorman, wife of John Gorman, editor of the Daily Democrat, died to-day. Mrs. Gorman was a very beautiful woman and a great favorite in society.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 15.-Mrs. Bridge-man, wife of Gould Bridgeman, of this city, who has been ill with consumption for some months, died last night. A SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

Dora Troxell Sues Two Marion Men for \$30,000 Damages. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

BLUFFTON, Ind., Dec. 15.—One of the most sensational suits in the history of the State is on trial in the Wells Circuit Court. It involves two prominent citizens of Marion, G. W. Gunder, colonel of the Fourth Regiment, I. N. G., and a prosperous merchant, and Dr. T. C. Kimball, one of the leading physicians of that city. The plaintiff in the case is Miss Dora Troxell. and the charge against the two defendants s that of seduction and criminal operation. Miss Troxell enters suit against both Gunder and Kimball for \$30,000. The trial will extend over ten days, and sixty or seventy witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify. Both plaintiff and defendant have secured the best legal talent possible. The defend-

ants claim it is a case of blackmail. District K. of P. Meeting.

to the Indianapolis Journal. CATUR, Ind., Dec. 15 .- The first meetthe Sixth district Knights of Pythias reld in Odd Fellows' Hall, in this city, . The Sixth district is composed of ounties of Adams, Jay, Blackford and The attendance was large, repre-City, Bluffton, Markle, Ossian, Union-Berne, Portland, Dunkirk and Pennbeing present. Beginning at 1 o'clock asting until 3:30 o'clock a public ses-was held. Hon. Dick Erwin, of this delivered an address of welcome, was responded to by W. H. Echof Bluffton, after which Union B. of Winchester, delivered an address Immediately after the 'Pythianism." public session the lodges went into secret session. In the evening Kekionga Lodge, of this city, exemplified the work of the third rank, after which a banquet was tendered the visiting knights.

Democrats Persecuting Sutton.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. NORTH VERNON, Ind., Dec. 15.-Mitlard Filmore Sutton, a workingman residing in Geneva township, in this county, who abandoned the Democratic party last fall and earnestly supported McKinley, and who has been an object of Democratic hatred and persecution since, was arrested | Zac Johnson without known cause. A yesterday at the instigation of two freesilver Democratic lawyers of this city, who

He was placed under a \$1,000 bond to appear before the mayor next Friday. The selection of Mr. Sutton as an object of spite and malice has aroused his friends and it is likely that retaliatory measures will be taken that will result in disclosures about certain Democratic hoodiums in this

And Muncie Claims 24,000 People. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 15 .- Arthur Hurzler, employed at the Muncie pulp mill, me three highwaymen last night as he was going home and was badly handled. After beating Hurzler into insensibility and robbing him of \$10, they tied his hands and bound him to a tree, leaving him in a helpless condition all night, with the snow and rain beating down upon him. The assault was made about 9 o'clock and he was not found until 5 o'clock this morning. when a laborer passing heard his cries for

of the city. Want Compulsory Education,

MUNCIP Ind., Dec. 15.-Two hundred boys under the age of fourteen are being pulsory education law. Glass manufacturers employ more child labor than any other class here, and they will make the same hard fight this year as last against lobby or the halls of the Legislature if nec- well. essary to repudiate false charges that

To Have a Midwinter Fair.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PLAINFIELD, Ind., Dec. 15.-The merchants of Plainfield, in conjunction with farmers of the vicinity, are arranging for a midwinter fair and farmers' institute to be held on Friday and Saturday of this week. Liberal premiums are offered for the best display of farm products. The institute work will be under the manage-ment of O. F. Lane, of Bainbridge; D. B, Johnson, of Monrovia, and Mrs. Virginia C. Meredith.

Fire Panie in Cigar Factory. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 15.-Fire in the Western Union Telegraph building here today damaged Fendrich Brothers, cigar manufacturers, whose factory occupied the top floor of the building, \$5,000. Female cigar makers are employed in the factory. and there was a panic among them when reaped a harvest. Not since 1877 and 1878 | the fire was discovered. All escaped withdid he have a dollar market for two years out injury. The Western Union office was

Farmer Jones Killed at a Crossing. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 15 .- Samuel Jones, a prominent farmer of Kosciusko small station west of here, this evening. The fast express train, east-bound, was passing when he drove on to the street crossing immediately in front of the train.

His Own Executioner. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 15 .- Henry Embree, a wealthy farmer living near this in the sediment and surplus account. For city, while attempting to get out of his buggy with his gun, to-day, the weapon was discharged and he was instantly

> Ticket Office Robbed at Noon. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 15 .- At noon to-day while Agent Price, of the Lake Erie & Western depot, was out on the platform with a train order, the ticket office was robbed. The thieves got \$16 in cash and a quantity of tickets.

> Indiana Notes. The Council of North Vernon has voted to put in an electric-light plant, to be owned and operated by the city. Daniel S. Alspaugh, aged thirty-five, was instantly killed by the Knickerbocker, on the Big Four, Monday night, in Anderson, Alspaugh came to Anderson five years ago from New Jersey to work in the wire-nail mills. Two sisters and a brother residing in Lebanon, N. J., have been notified. Cashier A. G. Lupton, of the Blackford County Bank, at Hartford City, has a snare drum that was carried through the war of 1812. It has been in the Lupton family twenty-eight years, and will be made into a waste-paper basket for use in

> Yesterday the Wayne County Farmers' Institute was held at Centerville. The chief part of the programme prepared was number of talks by E. E. Elliott and S. H. Todd, both of Ohio. Others who participated were Enos Warfel, of Hagerstown, and Jesse C. Stevens, of Center-

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Navigation on Lake Erie practically closed yesterday. There are a few boats in transit making for winter quarters, but loading for long trips is over. Robert E. Speed, of the Presbyterian board of oreign missions, who was taken ill in Teheran, Persia, is convalescent ac-

cording to a cablegram received yesterday The schedules in the assignment of Clapp & Co., bankers and brokers at 35 Wall street. New York, show liabilities of \$204,-509; nominal assets, \$344,502; actual assets,

Oliver Cromwell, of Lucas county Charles Wherry, of Franklin county, and Joseph Dunn, of Erie county, escaped from the Ohio Reformatory, at Mansfield, yesterday. Dunn was recaptured.

Edward A. Hart, an insane man, riding on a Lake Shore train in company with his family physician, escaped near Silver Creek, N. Y., after a struggle, and threw and came to Hamilton county sixty years | himself from the train. His head struck

Judge Knowles, of Helena, has decided cept one survive her. John W. and David | that lands within the land grant of the Northern Pacific road on which there is doubt as to their mineral or nonmineral character will be exempt from taxation English, one of the pioneers of Wabash until they have been classified by the county, died to-day of old age. He was United States Land Commission. The deborn in Bath county, Kentucky, in 1813, cision means an annual loss of \$30,000 to

The Supreme Court of Missouri has reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of "Texas Tom" Walsh, a bookmaker who was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to six months in the St. Louis workhouse for accepting \$500 commission to be bet on a horse named Nicolini at New Orleans last winter. The decision will result in the reopening of pool rooms.

Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, yesterday commuted the sentence of Frank Tierney who was to have been executed Thursday morning, to imprisonment for life. Tierney was convicted of shooting and killing Frank Hupman, a fellow-tramp, in a box car near Huron, O., May 25, 1896. Governor Bushnell thought there was sufficient doubt of Tierney's guilt to warrant commutation.

Business Embarrassments. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 15 .- The Timothy Dry Goods and Carpet Company made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors. No statement has been made, but it is thought the assets will be considerably in excess of liabilities, which are about \$60,000. Disagreement among stockholders is given as the cause. DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 15 .- Two chattel mortgages were filed to-day by Fred Rosenfeld & Brother, wholesale dealers in leaf tobacco. One mortgage is for \$7,000 in favor of Strauss Brothers, of Ligonier, Ind., the other secures Joseph Bimberg, of this city. fact.

amount of \$19,000. Alleged Dynamite Plot.

who had indorsed the firm's paper to the

BELTON, Texas, Dec. 15.-What is supposed to have been a plot to blow up the handsome new opera house was discovered here this morning. Four large sticks of dynamite wrapped in a German paper were found in a window. The fuse attached had burned part of the way down but went out. Part of the paper had also burned around the dynamite. The paper was pubtives from lodges at Montpelier, Hart- lished in Milwaukee. There was enough of the stuff to have wrecked the opera house. the \$60,000 courthouse and other adjacent buildings in the heart of the city had it exploded.

National Irrigation Congress.

PHOENIX, A. T., Dec. 15.-The National Irrigation Congress has brought to Phoenix about one thousand visitors, nearly all men interested in water storage and its distribution and representing twenty-seven States The first day's session was effective and plans are now maturing for the organization of the congress on new lines better suited to the work of legislation. A committee on reorganization was in session today and its report will be presented to the body to-morrow.

Three Killings and Two Fatalities. OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 15 .- Since Sunday three killings and two fatalities have startled the people of this locality. David Edwards gave Nick Berry death wounds in a saloon row. Henry Margum killed strange negro was struck by unknown par-ties and killed. William Jones, farmer, was She had lost all of her property during the charged him with having purchased a Dem-ocratic vote for the McKinley electors at the November election for the sum of \$1. killed by the Illinois Central train, and the November election for the sum of \$1. killed while hunting.

VENEZUELA IS SATISFIED

WILL DEMAND NO CHANGES IN THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

French Naval Budget Discussed by the Chamber of Deputies-Cecil Rhodes's Palace Burned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.-A dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, to the World says: President Crespo declines, for state reathe Venezuela government's attitude towards the arbitration treaty entered into between the British and United States governments. The situation here is misunderstood in the United States, as is evident from the false impressions which have been cabled. The best men of Venezuela, those who understand the matter, favor the acceptance of the treaty arranged between Great Britain and the United States. Crespo will not ask any modification of its terms. Minister Andrade will sail next Sunday for his return to the United States. and this looks as though matters stood

THE FRENCH NAVY.

Number of Ships to Be Increased as Rapidly as Possible. PARIS, Dec. 15.—The naval budget was

also carried in the Chamber of Deputies to-day. The minister of marine, Admiral Besnard, said the government intended to increase the number of vessels attached to the channel squadron, if they obtained the necessary money, and also intended to reinforce the Mediterranean squadron by several first-class ironclads and to renew many of the torpedo boats. The minister pointed to the fact that the German fleet was being considerably increased and that in order to prevent France from falling into fatal inferiority the government would shortly submit a bill to increase the strength of the navy.

premier, and was rejected by a vote of During the course of a long speech M. Lockroy declared that the government opposed his motion because it emanated from a private member. He did not wish to provoke a Cabinet crisis and would withdraw his motion if the government promised to present it as a bill. The government, he added, was wrong in reposing faith in the optimistic reports of the officials. He maintained that the fleet was not in an effective condition and concluded: "We are cursed with the men who declared war in 1870 without being ready and I am not willing that some day it may be said was cognizant of the present condition of the navy and remained silent. M. Meline promised to submit the naval programme at the beginning of 1897 and M. Lockroy insisted that the government should devote part of the money to refitting ships. The premier said this was already done according to the needs of the navy. Thereupon M. Lockroy interrupted the speaker and M. Meline retorted sharply: "I shall say nothing to win your confidence. The house knows that, hidden behind your insistence is a political question. (Cheers.) In conclusion M. Meline condemned the partial criticsms of the navy and asserted that there was danger in pes-

Cecil Rhodes's Palace Burned. LONDON, Dec. 15 .- A cable from Cape Town says that Col. Cecil Rhodes's country house was gutted by fire early this morning. It may be presumed that the "country house" referred to is the South African palace of the ex-Premier of Cape Colony. The mansion is delightfully situated and has the quaint architectural characteristics of a Dutch edifice of about two hundred years ago. Belonging to the estate is a well stocked zoological garden, with drives about six miles long, which cost Mr. Rhodes over \$500,000 to establish. This beautiful park is open to the citizens of Cape Town and contains nearly every noncarniverous animal to be found in South A dispatch from Cape Town to the Daily Mail says that the burning of Cecil Rhodes's country house was the work of

an incendiary. The Panama Canal. PARIS, Dec. 16 .- At the annual meeting of the new Panama Company the report which was presented expressed the conviction, with reference to the rival Nicaraguan project, that the United States, on weighing what was being done, would recognize the Panama canal as the best for securing their legitimate interests. The directors expressed their increased confidence in the

possibility of the undertaking. Countercheck to Russian Designs. LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The Globe this afternoon says it understands important negotiations are proceeding, if not completed, whereby Great Britain will derive considerable commercial benefits in the opening up of Cuina, adding that an English syndicate has obtained a concession to construct and maintain a long railroad, which

will be a powerful countercheck to Russian designs. Said Ed Din Pasha Recalled. LONDON. Dec. 15 .- The Times's Berlin

correspondent says that the Porte has recalled Said Ed Din Pasha, the Porte's special envoy to Crete, in accordance with the if they ever are, the United States will ex-Pasha was accused of thwarting the reforms in Crete premised by Turkey to the May Shut Out Our Petroleum. LONDON, Dec. 16.-The Daily News has

a dispatch from Berlin with reference to rumors of coming reprisals against American petroleum. It says that German consumers are likely to suffer more by this move than American exporters, Russia alone being scarcely able to supply Germany. Cable Notes.

An explosion has destroyed Von Cromer's match factory, at Aschaffenburg, in Bava-Two men and four girls were killed and many persons injured. The French Appeal Court has confirmed the sentence of two years' imprisonment upon Emile Arton for bribery in connec-

tion with the Panama scandal. The Reichstag has rejected the judicial procedure amendment bill and it is probable the same fate will befall the scheme for the reform of the German mili-

It was semi-officially announced yesterday that the statement that Baron De Courcel, the French embassador to the court of St. James, had retired, is premature. He is expected to return to his post The report that Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, intends to abdicate his claims in favor of Don Jaimie, his son, which this time originated in a dispatch to the Madrid Imparcial from Rome. is now said to be without foundation in

Rev. Dr. Barrows, president of the Parliament of Religions, landed at Bombay yesterday. He was warmly welcomed by representatives of the various religious communities. Dr. Barrows will remain in India three months, giving the Haskell lectures on Christianity. At a meeting of the dockers', seamen's firemen's and coal porters' unions, in London, last evening, it was decided to recommend that all dockers and water-side labor-

ings weekly in their wages, but if this was not granted they should declare a general strike in the London docks. A Story About Ex-Senator Bruce.

ers should demand an increase of 10 shill-

Washington Post. Two members from Mississippi were swapping stories during the intervals between refreshments when in an accidental way the name of ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce was mentioned. "That reminds me," said one, "of a story told me a long time ago by a barkeeper at the Ebbitt. I was in there one day when Bruce came in, went into one of the side rooms, and, having been served, walked out without saying anything to any one. You don't draw the color line here

John.' I remarked to the barkeeper. 'Not on that man, sir, I don't,' was the reply. 'I have had a pretty good opinion of him since a little thing that happened soon after he first came here. ""Bruce was in his seat at the Capitol one day when a card was brought in to him. He read it and at once went out to the waiting room. There he met the woman who owned him when he was a slave. With her was her daughter. Both were in tears,

Bruce listened to her story. He got his hat and went outside with her. His carriage, drawn by a handsome pair of bays, was waiting there. He called the carriage, assisted the mother and daughter to enter it with as much deference as he could possibly have shown them in the old plantation days, closed the door and told the coachman to drive to the treasury. Then he called a public cab and followed. The three

Treasury Department. "That," added the Mississippi member, "was the reason why the barkeeper didn't draw the color line at Blanche K. Bruce, and it seems to be the reason was a mighty good one, too."

PHILOSOPHER DOOLEY DISCOURSES sons, to answer any questions concerning | Doubts the Story that "McCeo," the Cuban Leader, Is Dead. Chicago Post.

> Hennessy. "He was a brave man an' thrue wan. "Yes," said Mr. Dooley. "'tis too bad he shud be kilt so early in th' month. Th' Sep- stopping at the Hotel Waldorf. timber killin' was near th' end, an' he was slain in October just before Hallowe'en. dinnaw what Wayler's up to, dousin' poor man befure Christmas. He might have | the gold resources of the country, with left him to enjoy th' holidays. But war is a turuble thing, an' if Mac has to be kilt in ordher that Cuba may live he has to be, an' ican and European capital. He is one of that's all. It's a sure thing he was th' wan | the seven Americans who, with John Hays Major Tararum put out. Th' identification was perfect. In th' first place, he wore silk socks, an' no man but Mac was al- ernment because of affiliation with the relowed to wear silk socks on th' island. On form movement in the Transvaal last year, his person was found a goold-handled hunting knife inscribed with th' letters 'L. G. H., a matchet marked with th' inscription | Butters was released on May 20, fined \$10,000 'R. R. R.' on th' tags, a sleve button bearin' th' initials 'G. N. O'C.' an' a letter fr'm William L. Dempsey, iv Omaha, to his cous'n, Thomas H. Jenks, iv Syracuse, askin' f'r a loan iv \$8 f'r a week. glance be th' major convinced him that he had landed Mac. Who else cud it be but th' remorseless foe iv Spain? So he bur- don, the largest mine operators in the rid th' body an' sint f'r th' correspondents,

an' there ve ar-re.

"Iv coorse, 'tis a deathblow to th' rivolution. Ivrything is a deathblow to th' rivolu tion. Th' frequint obsequies iv McCeo is wan iv th' most frightful features iv th crool war. His death rate is higher thin th' Nineteenth wa-ard's. He has an annual mortality iv twelve in a hundhred. He crosses th' troachay an' dies an' he crosses sands, stricken at his own fireside or in th' field or down on th' farm. His bones whiten | ide process, four years, on the navy, was opposed by His undhertaker's bills amount to more of refractory ores. He is the halt an' lave some wan ellse do th' dyin'. "I mind wanst whin th' play iv 'Pizario' bein' a bor-rn stiff, that th' people used to a very profitable establishment, shudder whin he come out afther th' show. cold f'r to see a man that tin minyits bea pint iv stewed eyesthers. 'Twas onbecomin' th' corpse an' th' ladies iv th' Mardhropped th' plates an' bur-rned their hands whin Dougherty come up bowin' with his hands over th' place where Ahern jabbed him an' asked f'r food.

"Bimeby he begun to feel th' coldness No wan iv th' young ladies 'd walk home with him an' whin he come up sudden on iv the cross. Dougherty didn't like it an' he took to dhrink. Th' play had been goin' Ahern. 'Die, thraitor,' an' he made a swipe sind to th' morgue f'r an undherstudy f'r been reached. me,' he says. 'I'm too full iv contintment to-night to seek th' cold embraces iv th' grave,' he says. An' he done a shuffle an wint off th' stage singin' 'A Life on th Ocean Wave. "Well," said Mr. Hennessy, "annyhow, this McCeo is a brave man. Ye know he's a Wexford man, don't you? How he got to spellin' it with a 'c' I dinnaw. They

knowed a young lady be th' name iv Bridget O'Brien wanst wint to Boston, an' stocks. whin she come back her name was Birdie Oberne, which shows what thravel 'll do. McCeo's name originally was McKeough, an' he's a cousin iv Tim McKeough the policeman at central station. I knowed th' live down be th' Sag. "Is he some relation of yours?" said Mr "He is," said Mr. Hennessy, "I'm no

sure, but they was one iv th' name married a cousin iv me father's. He was a bould an' darin' man, an' no wan iver knowed what become iv him. But why do ye ask?" "Because," said Mr. Dooley, "the papers say he is a mullater. Mr. Hennessy knocked the ashes out his pipe, buttoned up his coat and walked away. At the dooor he turned and said: 'Don't ye get gay, Dooley, with me.'

THE LAST THREE TERRITORIES. To Make One State of Arizona, New

Mexico and Oklahoma. From 1876 to 1896 six Territories of the Inited States were admitted to statehood-Montana, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Itah and Dakota-the last as two States.

North and South Dakota. Prior to that

Colorado was admitted on Aug. 1, 1876, and

Nebraska on March 1, 1867. There are now

remaining only three Territories in the

United States, exclusive of the District of Columbia, the Indian Territory and Alaska, which makes no serious pretentions to statehood. These three Territories are Ari-New Mexico and Oklahoma, and when all three are admitted into the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico Arizona covers an area of 113,000 square miles. New Mexico covers an area of 122.-000 square miles, and Oklahoma, with No Man's Land, covers an area of 39,000 square miles-in all 275,000 square miles, or 10,000 square miles more than the entire area of as the Transvaal he could see no reason the Lone Star State of Texas. The present population of Arizona is about 70,000, of New Mexico 175,000, and of Oklahoma about 105,000, or 250,000 in all. The population of Texas is about 2,750,000, or ten'times greater. The objections now interposed to the admission of either Arizona or New Mexico are equally strong in both political parties. The Republicans in Washington, who have been greatly annoyed by the silver senators from the Rocky mountain or mining-camp States, have no desire to embarrass the course of legislation further by the admission of two additional States largely given | think of buying shares in an American gold over to mining and grazing, in one of which the English language is not in general use | at a few cents each, as is the case, for inamong the inhabitants. The Democrats who favored the admission of New Mexico and Arizona some years ago, and objected to the discrimination which they said at | ize that Europeans are forging ahead of that time was shown against the Southern Territories and in favor of the Northern ones by the Republican Senate, are pretty generally opposed to a further diffusion of political honors, for to admit new and sparsely populated States would be to fur- | tee of the standing of the exchange. Such ther decrease the influence of those long It is a fact that New Mexico and Arizona

ago admitted. were originally one Territory and included portions of the present States of Colorago and Nevada. Subsequently portions were cut off to make up the present States of Colorado and Nevada, and in 1863 the Terfrom the remaining and larger part of New Mexico. The proposition is now made and is being seriously defended, that, preparatory to their admission into the Union as States, Arizona and New Mexico should be in return. reunited, and that Oklahoma should be joined with them and the three made into same size as Texas, but with a total population now only one-tenth as great. The new State would start under conditions which would give reasonable promise of a sufficient increase in the future to fulfill public requirements. The admission of the three into the Union as one State would probably forestall much of the opposition to the admission of any of them separately, and would eliminate at last the Territories from the Union.

Commercial Travelers' Fair.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- The commercial travelers' fair was opened at Madisonsquare Garden to-night with speeches by Chauncey M. Depew and others. The proceeds of the fair will be devoted to building a national home at Binghamton.
N. Y., for the widows and orphans of commercial travelers. The attendance to-night was 4,000, and the fair promises to yield a large sum of money.

Mrs. Lease as a Financier. Chicago Tribune. If it be true that "Mrs. Lease succeeded in putting a mortgage of \$1.100 on an \$500 house" much must be "taken back" that

was said about her financiering. On Hand. Philadelphia Press. The familiar face of our old friend, the Alaska seal question, is once more visible

CHARLES BUTTERS BACK FROM THE TRANSVAAL GOLD FIELD.

entered the treasury together, and before Bruce came out he had placed in the hands Will Inspect American Mines and Enof the woman he had once called 'Missus' an appointment to a good clerkship in the deavor to Enlist Large Capital

for Their Development.

New York Herald.

Charles Butters, an American mining engineer and expert of the highest reputation, whose fame is as well known in Europe as in this country, arrived here a few days ago from Johannesburg, South Africa, "Th' death iv McCeo is a divvil iv a where he has been for about six years in ha-ard blow to th' cause iv Cuba," said Mr. | charge of some of the largest mining interests in the Transvaal. Mr. Butters, who is accompanied by his wife and mother, is

Mr. Butters's visit to the United States is chiefly for the purpose of examining into view to their further development by Amer-Hammond, were arrested by the Boer govat the time of Dr. Jameson's raid. Mr. F. C., a pair iv boots with th' letters | and obliged to give bond not to interfere in the political affairs of the Boer government for three years.

He went to the Transvaal from the United States in the spring of 1891 at the instance of Wehrner, Beit & Co., of Lonworld, for the purpose of assisting in the treatment of their ores. There had been spent about £60,000 in unsuccessful attempts to treat the refractory ore, but before Mr. Butters had been there one year he had settled the treatment of those ores and had gone into the development of the cyanide it back an' dies again. He's perishin' like | process, the result being very satisfactory. sheep with th' rot. He's dyin' be th' thou- | Nearly 300,000 tons per month are now being treated on the Witwatersrand by the cyan-

M. Lockroy's motion that the government ivry corner iv unhappy Cuba. His silk Mr. Butters afterwards introduced for expend 200,000,000 francs, distributed over socks, sad emblem iv th' end iv man, dark-the Rand Central Ore Reduction Company a new electrical process for the treatment. ens ivry hamiet iv that ill-fated counthry. a new electrical process for the treatment thin his salary. He's been waked till their rector of the company. The last work he ain't a voice among his frinds that can was connected with was the treatment of raise th' keen. It's time f'r him to call a the accumulated mud, or "slime," as it is termed, of the mines of the Witwatersrand, which amounted to millions of tons, and was done f'r a week at the church fair a | which up to that time had been untreatayoung man be th' name iv Dougherty ble. An experimental plant for the treatplayed th' villyun. 'Twas his business to ment of "slime" was built by the company croak ivry night, an' he done it so well. last year at a cost of \$300,000, and is now Mr. Butters told me that in the Trans-

Twas enough to make ye'er blood r-run vaal gold mining had been better organized than at any place in the world. The fure had been stabbed through th' stum- highest engineering ability in the world mick with a tin soord come out an' tuck in was engaged and taken to the Witwatersrand, and with the co-operation of the capital this resulted in the application of the rid Women's Sodality that r-run th' booths | best organized efforts in the world for the production of gold.

TRANSVAAL INVESTORS. These investors having made a great deal of money and finding the opportunities for continuing to do so in the future wan iv thim she'd scream an' make th' sign | less favorable, and very naturally wishing to increase their earnings, have turned week whin wan night I seen a bad light in | their attention to other parts of the world. his eye. 'Did you have mercy on me?' said | One reason for this determination is beat Dougherty. Dougherty give th' soord a cause values have risen so tremendously kick an' says he, 'I'll not die a lick.' he in the Transvaal, particularly within the says. 'I'm tired iv dyin,' he says. 'It's a past year. The limit of large profits has bum job, annyhow,' he says. 'Ye'll have to

"No such amount of capital has ever been invested in mining in Australia or in the United States, or, in fact, anywhere else as has been invested in the Transvaal. said Mr. Butters. "But they must now have reductions in costs. The price of coal must be reduced, the railroad facilities must be improved, labor, both white and black, must be cheaper, and a more settled condihave queer ways in thim foreign counthries. | tion of the country must exist before

creased prices can be looked for in sold ued, "is now settling down to assist the mining interests in every possible way. The government feels that this is absolutely essential. A large amount of the capital that fam'ly well. Ol' Anthony McKeough used to has been made there is now going to Australia or to New Zealand; or is coming to this country. Many capitalists think that less attention has been paid to the gold resources of the United States by organized effort than should be the case. Foreign as well as American capitalists are now turning their attention to this country and are sending engineers directly into the field, so that the slumps in values in the Transvaal is really a benefit to other goldproducing countries.

"The United States holds first place as producer of gold," said Mr. Butters, "and do not think it will ever be overtaken. The business of gold production has really become one of the most important in the world. The great financial houses of Europe are beginning to recognize that fact, and many of them are organizing a mining department in connection with their busi-

Mr. Butters said that as far as his observations went, it was not considered proper here in the Eastern States for a first-class financial house to be interested in gold mining. This feeling, he thought, will wear away as the business men in the United States become more fully acquainted with those who are making the investments and carrying on the work. The confidence which has been placed in the American mining engineers, who have carried out the practical part of the work, by foreign investors. and the money that has been made by the skill and ability of those who are developing the investments will tend to gradually give Eastern investors confidence in suc

AFRAID OF AMERICA. He told me that if American mining engineers and foreign capitalists can organize and develop such a great gold country why a combination of American capitalists and American mining engineers, together with a few European financiers, should not be able to develop such interests in this

"One thing that prevents the enlistment of foreign capital in United States gold minchange for gold mining stocks here." he ob-"No European investeor would mining company whose shares are quoted stance, with certain Cripple Creek stocks. Some of these days, when the best business elements in the United States begin to realus in gold mining, these elements will combine and organize a first-class mining exchange, which will have on its committees the ablest men who are known at home and abroad, and whose names will be a guaranan enterprise will have the support of many financial houses in Europe, and will give gold mining shares dealt in here a chance to be dealt in abroad." The effect of increased gold production in the United States, he asserted, is felt in all manufacturing centers at once. The man | and that was coffee. who mines gold has money with which to ritory of Arizona was established, cut off buy goods at once, and, as he gets more gold, he needs more goods. Mr. Butters believes in the daily use of gold by the people, He does not approve of having to give gold in making payments and receive greenbacks He does not believe that there is anything of more importance to the American people one State, with a land area of about the to-day than an intel ig int explora ion of the a Dutch uncle. resources must be honestly and intelligent-

ly developed. Speaking of the present business conditions in the Transvaal republic and in Johannesburg, Mr. Butters said that business is slowly reviving. Johannesburg, which has a population of eighty thousand, has all the up-to-date improvements, the public buildings are of modern design and the private residences, in many cases, would be considered beautiful structures by New Yorkers.

Mr. Butters, accompanied by his family, will leave New York on Friday for the West. He will look at different, gold sections of the country and will go as far west as the Pacific coast. He will then sail for Cape Town, by way of England. They expect to return to the United States in about one year, to remain permanently.

A Golden Wedding. Chicago Post.

The golden wedding of the Brownings appears to have been celebrated with proper formality in Marylebone parish church. despite the fact that Robert and Elizabeth were compelled to send regrets, having been unavoidably detained elsewhere. This we understand, was the only cloud on the auspictous ceremonies-with, perhaps, the slight exception that a contribution was passed around in the mistaken idea that it would enhance the general gayety. However, as the guests escaped with the easy donation of a shilling apiece they must have congratulated themselves that it was an ideal golden wedding. We con-

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Senator Chandler's Trouble.

Washington Post. Senator Chandler has got himself into trouble. It all grows out of his leaning toward bimetallism. Chandler is one of the Republicans who never lowered the silver banner during the Bryan campaign, but kept pounding away for bimetallism and McKinley. He said all along that the Republican platform was a bimetallic platform, and he harped daily in his paper, the Concord Monitor, on the implied declaration for an international agreement. He said all through the campaign that if the Republican party won it would be on account of six words in the financial plank which we pledge ourselves to promote, coming directly after the clause, "we are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international agreement

with the leading commercial nations of the In the zeal of combat he offered a reward, through the columns of his paper, to the man who could be shown to be responsible for putting those six words into the platform—\$125 if a New Hampshire man—\$100 if a resident of any other State. He found no claimant till he got to Washington this fall. Then Senator Lodge demanded the reward. Chandler asked for proofs. It was shown to his satisfaction that the words were inserted during a conference between Lodge and Foraker at St. Louis, but beyond that he could not get. He says now there is no earthly way of finding out whether Lodge or Foraker was the first to suggest the phrase, and as he refuses to divide the purse there seems to be trouble ahead. Chandler is not the only one who lays

the Republican convention that those words saved the day.

stress on the importance of the words

whose authorship is in dispute. William

C. Whitney, just after the election, told a

member of the resolutions committee of

Wilhelm and the Cook. New York Journal.

Emperor William is still performing marvels. The other day he went into the kitchen and taught the cook how to make coffee. Coffee has never been a strong point with the Berliners, and it seems that the imperial coffee is no better than the rest. His majesty grew weary of complaining to offi-cers of the household, and one morning actually went below stairs to investigate matters for himself. After the shock of the imperial presence had subsided William II, Kaiser of Germany, King of Prussia, soldier, sailor, sportsman, painter, theatrical manager, orchestral leader, the telegram sender and absolute authority on everything, demonstrated that there was still one more thing that he knew all about,

A Point Settled.

Chicago Record. "Scientists are trying to discover what language was used in the Garden of Eden." "Well, I can't say what language Adam and Eve spoke, but I know that the angel with the flaming sword talked to them like



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